

## IN MEMORIAM.

**William Thomas Locke Travers, F.L.S.** (1819-1903), was born at Castleview, near Newcastle, in County Limerick, on the 9th January, 1819, and was educated at St. Servan College in France. When seventeen years old he joined the Spanish Legion during the Carlist war, and served with distinction in the 2nd Regiment of Lancers till 1839. During part of the time he was aide-de-camp to the general of his division, and for his services was decorated with the Grand Cross of the Order of Cambodia. In 1844 he was called to the bar in London, and in 1849, emigrated to Nelson, and became District Court Judge there. Having resigned that office, he was, in 1854, elected member of the House of Representatives for Nelson in the first Parliament of New Zealand, and for a time held office as Attorney-General. In 1856 he was elected to represent Waimea. In 1860 he moved to Christchurch, where he practised his profession, and was elected M.H.R. for that city. He was also a member of the Canterbury Provincial Council and of the Provincial Executive. In 1869 he settled in Wellington, and represented that city in Parliament for several years. He was one of the chief promoters of the New Zealand Institute in 1867, was a member of the Board of Governors from that time, and for many years was honorary treasurer. The formation of the Colonial Botanic Garden at Wellington was largely due to his skill and enthusiasm; and he took a leading part in the promotion of acclimatisation societies, and of many other useful institutions. He was a member of the Council of the Wellington Philosophical Society for thirty-two years, was five times elected president, and was the retiring president when he met with the accident which caused his death on the 26th April, 1903.

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